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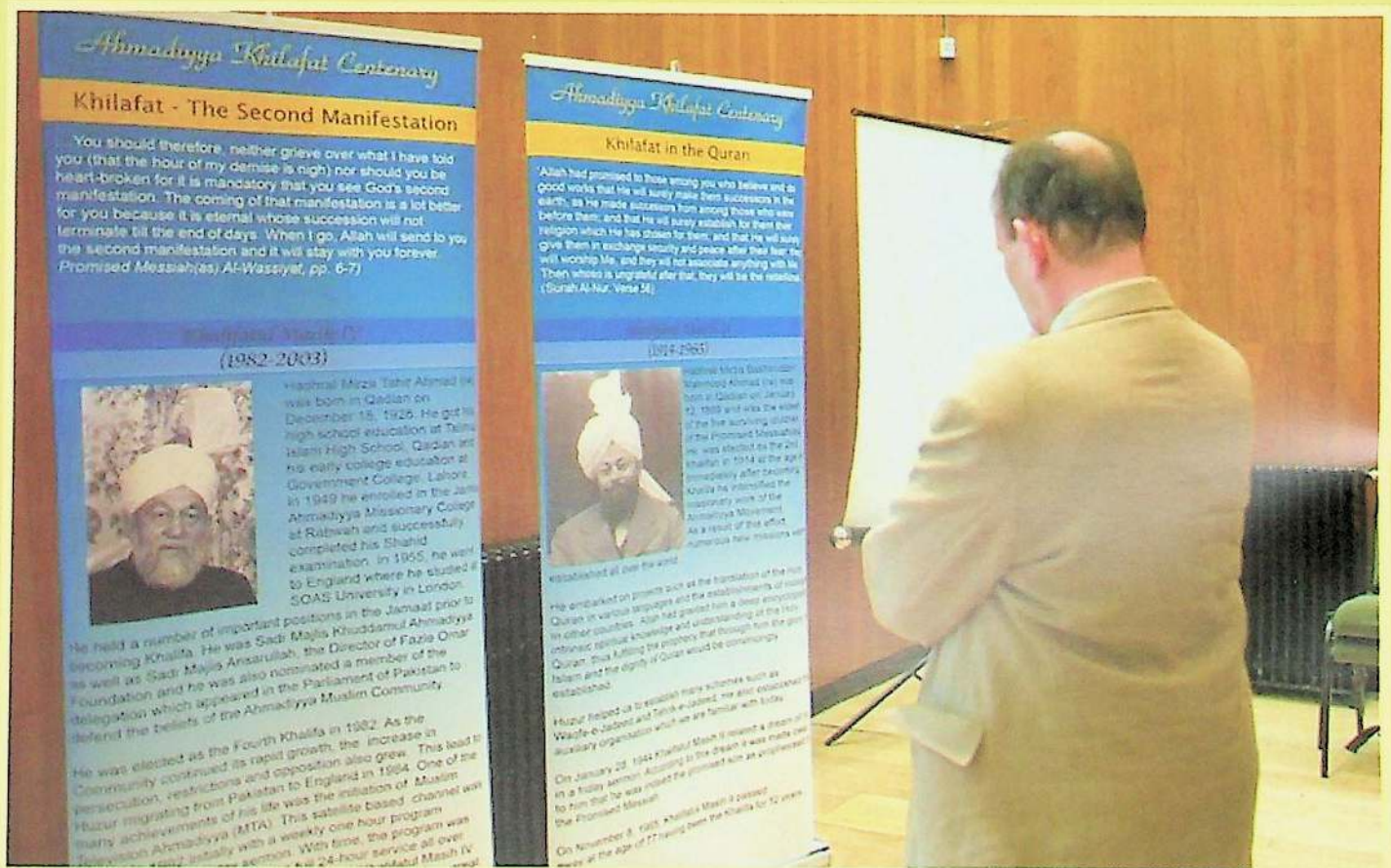
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أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ
لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is One and has no partner and I bear Witness that Muhammed is his servant and Messenger.

I solemnly pledge that I shall endeavour throughout my life for the propagation and consolidation of Ahmadiyyat in Islam and shall stand guard in defence of the institution of Khilafat. I shall not hesitate to offer any sacrifice in this regard. Moreover, I Shall exhort my children to always remain dedicated and devoted to Khilafat. Insha Allah

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In the Holy Quran's Sura Al-Nur, Allah gave a great and magnificent glad tiding that if Muslims remained steadfast in their faith and did good work, He would surely make them successors in the earth as He made successors from among those who were before them. He would surely establish for them their religion and in exchange give them security and peace after fear.

This is a unique prophecy for Muslims who, unfortunately, did not realise its significance and thought that it applied only to the early period of Islam. In fact this is a prophecy for the future, which is linked to the prosperity, security and peace of the Muslim world. This has been explained well by the Promised Messiah (as) in his magnificent book, "Shaadatul Quran", interpreting the verse that some deny the general application to all Muslims. He said, "They contend that "those among you" here means only the companions (ridhi-Allahho anhum) and that Khilafat came to an end with them; that it would not re-appear among the Muslims up to the day of Judgement. In other words, the Khilafat appeared only as a dream or fancy for a brief period of thirty years; after that period Islam entered upon an everlasting period of doom". (Ruhani Khazain Vol.6, p.330)

The Promised Messiah (as) further explains in the same book: "How can I say that anyone who studies these verses carefully would not understand that Allah the Most High has made a promise of everlasting Khilafat for the Ummah? If Khilafat was not permanent, then what was the significance of drawing a parallel with the Khilafa of the Mosaic dispensation? If the righteous Khilafat was to be limited to thirty years and thereafter its period was to be closed forever, then it would follow that Allah the Most High had not ordained that the doors of good fortune remain open for the followers of the Holy Prophet (saw)". (Ruhani Khazain Vol.6, p.353)

It becomes crystal clear that Allah blessed Muslims with a great prophecy and that is why the Holy Prophet (saw) called the Promised One, who was destined to appear in the latter days, as a Nabi or a prophet. He called him a 'prophe't, not once but four times in one Hadith in Saheeh Muslim. Again, in another Hadith, the Holy Prophet gave glad tidings of establishment of Khilafat on the precept of Prophethood in the latter days.

Thus the Promised One appeared in the form of Masih and Mahdi and was blessed by a Jamaat in which Khilafat has been established for the past hundred years. The whole Jamaat is gathered at the hand of a Khalifa and is enjoying the fruits of unity, success and peace as was promised. History stands witness to the fact that many a time the Jamaat was under great turmoil and opponents were sure that they would annihilate them. Time and time again, God frustrated their plans and the Jamaat Ahmadiyya kept on marching forward and its fear gave place to conditions of peace and security. This is clear evidence of the blessings of Khilafat.

This state is of great honour and joy that the Jamaat Ahmadiyya is blessed with Khilafat but it also calls for a firm resolution to fully realise its importance and stand to safeguard this sacred institution. Those opposed to the Khilafat are active once again with a fresh zeal to influence the younger generation to rebel against the Khilafat. They are employing all kinds of technology to influence them. Although for all the Jamaat, particular responsibility falls on the shoulders of Ansarullah, to safeguard our younger generation from such attacks. We must remember our pledge that we shall endeavour throughout our lives for the propagation and consolidation of Ahmadiyyat in Islam and shall stand guard in defence of the institution of Khilafat. We shall exhort our children to always remain dedicated and devoted to Khilafat.

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Dars-ul Qur'an

هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ رَسُولًا مِنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ
وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ (2) وَآخَرِينَ مِنْهُمْ لَمَّا يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ (3)
ذَلِكَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

"He it is who has raised among the unlettered people a Messenger from among themselves who recites unto them His Signs, and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and Wisdom, although they were before that in manifest error,

And He will raise him among others of them who have not yet joined them. He is the Mighty, the Wise". (Al-Jumu'ah, 62:3-4).

The Divine mission of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) consisted in the performance of the fourfold sacred duty referred to in the verse under comment. This was the noble task which was to be entrusted to that great Prophet for whose appearance among the unlettered Arabs the Patriarch Abraham had prayed several thousand years in advance, when in company with his son Ishmael, he was raising the foundations of the Ka'aba.

In fact no Reformer can truly succeed in his mission unless he prepares, by his noble and purifying example, a community of sincere, devoted and righteous followers, whom he teaches the ideals and principles of his message and their philosophy, significance and importance, and then sends them out to preach that message to other people. The training he imparts to them refines their intellect, and the philosophy of his teaching engenders in them certainty of faith, and his noble example creates in them purity of heart and refines character. It is to this basic fact of religion that the verse under comment refers.

The verse signifies that the message of the Holy Prophet (pbh) was meant not only for the Arabs among whom he was raised but for all non-Arabs as well, and not only for his contemporaries but also for the coming generations until the end of time. Or the meaning may be that the Holy Prophet (pbh) will be raised among another people who have not yet joined his immediate followers.

The reference in the verse and in a well-known saying of the Holy Prophet (pbh) is to the Second Advent of the Holy Prophet (pbh) in the person of the Promised Messiah in the Latter Days. Says Abu Hurairah: "One day we were sitting with the Holy Prophet when Sura Jumu'ah was revealed. I asked the Holy Prophet, "Who are the people to whom the words And among others from among them who have not yet joined them, refer. Salman the Persian was sitting among us. Upon my repeatedly asking him the same question, the Prophet put his hand on

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Dars-ul-Hadith

On the Appearance of the Messiah and Mahdi The Holy Prophet, (pbuh), is reported to have said:

What will be your condition when the Son of Mary will appear among you and he will be your Imam from among yourselves? " (Bukhari, Kitabul Anbiya)

"There will come a time when nothing will remain of Islam except its name only, and nothing will remain of the Holy Qur'an except its inscription. Their mosques will be splendidly furnished but destitute of guidance. Their divines will be the worst people under the Heaven and strife will issue from then and avert to them. " (Mishkat Kitabul Ilm Fatha uthalith, p. 38).

"I give you the glad tidings of the Mahdi who will be raised in my Urnmah at the time of the decadent people. He will fill the earth with equity and justice. " (Musnad Ahmad)

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah narrates: "We were sitting with the Holy Prophet (peace be on him) when Surah Jumu'ah was revealed to him. When he recited the verse: *And he will appear among others from among them who have not yet joined them (62:4)*, a man asked: *O Messenger of Allah, who are these people?* But Huzur did not answer him. The man repeated his question three times. Hadhrat Salman Farsi was sitting amongst us. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) put his hand on his shoulder and said: *"Even if faith will ascend to the Pleiades, some men from among his people will bring it back to earth. "* (Bukhari, Kitabul Tafsir Surah Al-Jumu'ah wa Muslim).

Hadhrat Abdillahi ibn Umar narrates that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said: *"The Mahdi will appear from a village named Kad'a. (Jawahirul Israr, p. 56, Baharul Anwar, Vol 13, p. 23).*

The Holy Prophet, (pbuh), is reported to have said:

"God Almighty will show signs in his attestation and like Companions of the Holy Prophet in Badr, the Mahdi will be granted 313 illustrious companions whose names will be recorded in an authoritative book. " (Jawaharul Israr, p. 56, Hadhrat Sheikh Ali bin Hamza bin Ali-ul-malakul Tusi, Irshadati Faridi, Vol 3, p. 70).

"For our Mahdi, there are appointed two signs which have never been manifested for any other claimant since the creation of the Heavens and the earth. They are that at his advent there shall occur an eclipse of the moon on the first of its appointed nights, and an eclipse of the sun on the middle of its appointed days, and both will occur in the same month of Ramadhan. " (Sunan Dar Qutni, vol 2, p. 65, Bab Safatus Salatul Khusuf).

"I swear on Him Who holds my life in His hands that the Son of Mary shall surely appear amongst you as a just Arbiter and will break the cross and annihilate the swine. " (Bukhari)

"When you hear the advent of Mahdi, it is then enjoined on you to enter his Bai 'at even if you have to walk on snow by crawling and creeping to reach him, for indeed he is Khalifatullah Mahdi. " (Kanzul Ummal).

"The one who recognises the Promised Mahdi, he should convey my Salams to him. " (Durr-i-Manthur, Vol2,p445).



Writings of the Promised Messiah (as)

Necessity of accepting the Messiah and Mahdi

When God Almighty, observing the condition of the world and finding the earth filled with every type of disobedience, sin and misguidance, appointed me for the propagation of the truth and the reform of the people, then I, in obedience to this Divine command, sent forth the call through written and oral announcements that I was the person who was to arrive at the beginning of the century for revival of the faith.

My purpose was to re-establish the faith which had disappeared from the earth and to pull mankind towards reform and righteousness and truthfulness through the power and strength that God had bestowed upon me, and through the magnetic power of His hand. It was also my purpose to correct their doctrinal errors and to reform their conduct.

A few years thereafter, it was made quite clear to me through Divine revelation that the Messiah, whose advent among the Muslims had been promised from the beginning, and the Mahdi whose advent had been Divinely decreed at the time of the decline of Islam and the spread of error, and who was to be guided directly by God, and who was to invite people to partake of the heavenly banquet, and whose coming had been foretold by the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, thirteen hundred years in advance, was myself.

Divine revelation to this effect was vouchsafed to me so clearly and so continuously that it left no room for doubt. It was replete with grand prophecies that were fulfilled clearly as bright day. Its frequency and number and miraculous power compelled me to affirm that it comprehended the words of the One God, without associate, Whose Word is the Holy Qur'an. (Tadhkiratush Shahadatain, pp 1-2).

In order to win the pleasure of Allah, I hereby inform you all of the important fact that Almighty God has, at the beginning of this 14th century, appointed me from Himself for the revival and support of the true faith of Islam. It is my function in this disturbed age to proclaim the excellences of the Holy Qur'an and the greatness of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him. It is also my function to repel all enemies of Islam who are attacking it, by means of the light and blessings and the miracles and inner knowledge that have been bestowed upon me [Barakatud Dua, p. 24].

In this age, the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, has been reviled in abusive writings to a degree to which no other prophet has been reviled in any age. In truth in this age Satan, with the help of all his progeny, is trying his utmost to destroy Islam. As doubtless this is the last battle between truth and falsehood, the age demanded the advent of a Divinely commissioned one for its reform. That one is the Promised Messiah, who is present among you. [Chashmah Maarifat, p. 86].

Had my claim been put forward on my own, you would have been free to reject me, but if God's Holy Prophet bears witness of me in his prophecies and God manifests His Signs in my support, then do not wrong yourselves by rejecting me. Say not that you are Muslims and have no need of accepting any Messiah.

I tell you truly that he who accepts me accepts him who had prophesied about me thirteen hundred years in advance, and had indicated the time of my appearance, and had specified my function; and he who rejects me rejects him who had commanded that I should be accepted (Ayamus Solha, p. 93).

Status of Prophethood of the Promised Messiah and Divine Promises of Triumph

Extracts from the Friday Sermon by Hazrat Khalifatul Masiah V (13th May, 2011)

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) said:

'God has decreed from the beginning and has declared it as His law and His way that He and His Prophets will always triumph. Therefore, as I am His Prophet, that is, I am Commissioned by Him, however without a new law, or a new claim or a new name, rather, I have come in the name of that very noble, Seal of all the Prophets, and from among him and as his manifestation. This is why I say that just as it has been from ancient time, that is, from the era of Adam to that of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), the meaning of this verse has always come true. It will yet again, come true in my support: 'Allah has decreed: 'Most surely I will prevail, I and My Messengers.' Verily, Allah is Powerful, Mighty.' (58:22) (Nuzul ul Mashi) Meaning of this verse has always come true. It will yet again, come true in my support: 'Allah has decreed: 'Most surely I will prevail, I and My Messengers.' Verily, Allah is Powerful, Mighty.' (58:22) (Nuzul ul Mashi)

Huzur said:

... I want each Ahmadi to be clear that in light of the prophecy of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was a Prophet... in light of the Quranic statement: 'And among others from among them who have not yet joined them...' (62:4).

... Ahmadis in Pakistan and Indonesia are being bitterly persecuted because they accept the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) as a Prophet.

... such a lofty station has the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), that his follower has been granted the status of Prophethood. Indeed, he is the Seal of all the Prophets and the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is a Prophet of God in his subservience alone. If we did not accept the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) as a Prophet then our claim that Islam will be triumphant through its second phase would be erroneous, because God has promised triumph with a Prophet...

...the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) had advised that when the Messiah comes, take my greetings to him even if you have to crawl over glaciers to reach him.

...it should also be remembered that without the status of Prophethood for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) there can be no Khilafat. Khilafat is borne out of Prophethood and is to operate on the precepts of Prophethood.

...that Bai'at and repentance should not be just verbal professing, rather it should be from the heart.
 ... a person taking Bai'at wants to bring about a pure change and this is experienced even today. People develop in spirituality, their letters express this and people around them feel the change in them. Families are astonished at the transformation people go through after taking Bai'at.
 ...the weapons of triumph are: Istaghfar, (seeking forgiveness from God), repentance, familiarisation of religious knowledge and five daily Prayers
 ...Salat is the key to acceptance of prayers.
 ... the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said, Istaghfar is seeking forgiveness for one's past sins as well as future sins and to come in God's refuge.
 ...Repentance is to feel revulsion at the wrongdoings that one is involved in and make firm resolve to avoid them and to seek help from God.
 ...God has complete knowledge of all that is in the heavens and the earth, He has power over everything and He watches over us every second. With these thoughts, one cannot do something that is against the will of God and one's attention is drawn to the five daily Prayers as well as general prayers.
 ...the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said if one brings about these revolutionary changes in oneself, one will become part of the triumph that is destined for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).
 ...it is with God's promises that the Community is progressing by the day. God revealed to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace): 'I shall carry thy message to the ends of the earth.'
 ...it is God Who is taking the message all over the world and today MTA is a big source in taking the message of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) to the ends of the earth.
 ...if we do not utilise the vast literature that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) provided us, we will not be discharging our responsibility

... God's work carries on. He would arrange it through other means. It has never happened that a community of a Prophet of God abandoned its task.
 ...who could be dearer to God than the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). When he gave the glad-tidings of the gold bracelets of King Kisra, his Companions also had to give great sacrifices. They attained a very high spiritual station through their excellent observance of Salat and their love and deep devotion of God, no worldly pomp had any significance for them.
 ...we should also be like this today. We should be firm in our belief that the promises made to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) will certainly be fulfilled. If our most humble effort can be part of the fulfilment of these promises, then we would attain God's pleasure.
 ...today, the message of Islam has reached in 198 countries of the world through Ahmadiyya Community.
 ...in some places, we are facing opposition; however, the pious-natured souls in those areas are being drawn to our Community

...Maulwis of every Muslim country tell people not to watch MTA.
 ... those who have understood our message tell the Maulwis that such forcible prohibition means they have no arguments of their own to present.
 ...it is the task of each Ahmadi to understand his or her responsibility and not be complacent that the Divine promise will be fulfilled anyhow. The bigger the promise and the glad-tidings, the more responsibilities we have.
 ...we should fully pay the dues of God and the dues of mankind as well as fully take part in taking the message to others, utilising our knowledge and our capacities God revealed to the Promised Messiah (on whom be

peace): 'Despair not of the treasures of Allah's mercy. We have bestowed upon you abundance of every kind of good.' [Tadhkirah p.579]

...there is restlessness among the mainstream Muslims but they do not see a way and are disappointed and when their restlessness increases, they opt for wrongful ways to address their problems

...we need to take the message to them that God has also granted the abundance of good that He gave to His beloved, to the true and ardent devotee of His beloved, because of the devotee's ardent love for the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and it is due to this devotion of his that he was given the status of Prophethood.

...if people wish to put an end to their disappointment, they should come into the fold of the Community of this ardent devotee and find peace

...they should reflect and ponder that all the powers have come together to try their best to suppress and eliminate this Community; but have they succeeded? On the contrary, this voice is resounding all over the world. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also gave earthquakes as a Sign of his advent. They will continue to occur, so much so that man will wake up to the fact and will wonder what is going on! God states that He will not stop until people reform their hearts.

In one of his revelations, God addressed the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) as the son of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him): 'I am with you. O son of the Messenger of Allah'. [Tadhkirah p. 707]

...he was the Prophet's (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) spiritual son who had to fulfil his mission and this is also the responsibility of those who accept him.

The intensity with which natural disasters are occurring in the world in recent years, we need to alert the world with corresponding energy, in particular, the Muslims, because this revelation was accompanied with another revelation that said: 'Gather together all the Muslims on the earth on one faith.' [Tadhkirah p.707]

...those who are weak-natured and those who are inclined to the world, should be assured that God's decree will prevail and there is no reason why we may at any time show weakness

...the sacrifices of Pakistani and Indonesian Ahmadis, as well as Ahmadis of countries where persecution takes place that are opening new avenues of Tabligh and InshaAllah one day the Muslim world as well as the rest of the world will connect to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and be one ummah.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'Allah the Exalted has repeatedly informed me that He will give me much greatness and shall inculcate my love in hearts and will spread my mission over the entire earth and shall give my sect triumph over all other sects. People of my sect will acquire excellence in knowledge and spiritual cognisance to a degree that they will silence everyone with the light of their truthfulness and with their reasoning and signs.'

Extracts from the Summary of the Friday Sermon of 13th May, 2011

Guidelines and Instructions from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) regarding the use of Electronic Media

1. It is imperative for every member of Jama'at Ahmadiyya to safeguard themselves from misuse of modern media tools (internet, cell phones, text messaging, chatrooms, and TV channels, all social networks such as Twitter, Facebook, etc)
2. Facebook has more harms than benefits. The use of Facebook leads to many negative repercussions, thus becoming the source of much distress for users. In particular, girls should exercise extreme caution in this regard. There are many users who are visiting these Facebook pages, reading the posts and commenting on them. This is completely wrong practice and we should safeguard ourselves from these types of inappropriate interactions and not engage in those.
3. As far as using Facebook for the purpose of tabligh is concerned, Alislam.org has created an official Facebook account and daiyaat are requested to visit this page, if needed. If someone is interested in engaging in tabligh, they do not have any need to post their pictures for any reason.
4. In terms of rules for posting pictures on Facebook, there is no distinction between girls and boys. If you know of a male who has an account on Facebook, and has posted pictures, please report immediately to Sadr Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya, and notify Amir Sahib as well. Similarly, if any Lajna or Nasirat member has posted their pictures on Facebook, they should be requested to immediately remove them.
5. It is the duty of parents to monitor their children's TV and internet use very conscientiously. Children should not be allowed to watch vulgar programmes on TV and careful eye should be kept on their internet use. Watching these programs is tantamount to fornication of the eyes. It is also not appropriate for them to have a cell phone in their hands all the time. Mothers should also learn how to use the internet, so they can carefully monitor their children.
6. Some parents are not very well-educated regarding modern technology and internet use. It is the duty of the Jama'at and the auxiliary organizations (Ansarullah, Lajna Ima'illah and Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya) to organize awareness programmes about these tools and promote understanding regarding safe use.
7. Where girls and boys attend a co-education institution for their academics, then it is o.k as far as seeking education is concerned. They should not extend friendship between themselves, unless only for academic-related need, and shouldn't indulge in needless talk, whether in person, over text messaging, Facebook, or phone calls. May Allah ta'ala safeguard every member of the Jama'at from every kind of trouble, and keep him under Divine protection. Ameen.

Promised Messiah and his belief about Nubuwat

(Harzat Maulana Jalaluddin Shams ^{ra})

part 1

Prophecy of the Holy Prophet (saw)

Fourteen hundred years ago, Hadrat *Khataman-Nabiyyin*, the Holy Prophet (*sallalldhu 'alaihi wa sallam*), gave the glad tiding to his followers of a leader, the Promised Messiah (*'alaihis salam*) and Awaited Reformer, who would judge between them with equity and would lead them on the right path. The Holy Prophet^{sa} used the word *Nabi* four times for this Promised One (*Sahih Muslim*).

The Holy Prophet^{sa} asked his followers to convey his *salam* to this great and holy personage. The Holy Prophet^{sa} also said referring to this unique personality:

“There is no Prophet between me and him.” (*Sunan AbiDaud*)

That is:

I am a *Nabi*, and he will be a *Nabi*

The Holy Prophet^{sa} further said in describing the honour and stature of this grand personality that, “*Abu Bakr* is the most honoured within my *ummah*, except if a *Nabi* should appear.”

FULFILMENT OF THE PROPHECIES

Then the blessed moment arrived when the holy personage, whose advent had been awaited by thousands of pious Muslims, was raised in the holy town of Qadian. He was granted the status of a *Nabi* and a *Rasul* in the sacred converse revealed to him by Almighty Allah. *Brahin-e-Ahmadiyyah*, published in 1882-1885, includes the revelation:

He it is Who sent His *Rasul* with guidance and the religion of truth, that He may make it prevail over every other religion. (*Brdhin-e-Ahmadiyyah, RuhariiKhazain*, vol. 1, p. 498)

Another revelation from Allah follows in the same book, “*Champion of God*, in the mantle of *anibiya*’.” (*Ibid.*, p. 504) In the same book, very close to the

above, is the revelation from Allah, "Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. And those who are with him are hard against the disbelievers and tender among themselves." (*Ibid.*, p. 508)

The Promised Messiah^{as} writes that, "In this Divine revelation I have been named Muhammad and also a *Rasul*." (*Eik Ghalati kd Izdlah, Ruhdni Khazain*, vol. 18, p. 207). . Similarly Allah addressed him as a *Nabi* in the revelation, "O *Nabi* of God, feed the wayfarer and the hungry." Similarly he was called a *Nabi* in the revelation, "A *Nabi* came to the world, but the world accepted him not."

In brief, over a period of twenty-three years, Allah the Most High addressed him as *Nabi*, *Rasul* and *Mursal*. During the last ten years of his life these words appeared with greater frequency.

BELIEF OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

When the Promised Messiah^{as} received the honour of converse with God, and was repeatedly addressed as a *Nabi*, a *Rasul* and a *Mursal*, he was inclined to interpret these terms in light of the prevailing belief and terminology which had gained common acceptance among the Muslims over the period of one thousand years. He regarded the words *Nabi*, *Rasul* and *Mursal*, which had been revealed to him, as equivalents of *Muhaddath*, because the Muslims at that time commonly defined a *Nabi* is one who:

- 1) brings a complete new *shari'ah*, or abrogates a previous *shari'ah*;
- 2) is not the follower of a previous *Nabi*, but

acquires an independent status on his own merit.

The Promised Messiah^{as} writes:

Since according to the definition, *Nabi* and *Rasul* in Islam means one who brings a complete new *shari'ah*, or abrogates some of the ordinances in the previous *shari'ah*, and since the *Anbiyd'* are not known as the followers of a previous *Nabi* and instead attain relationship with God without the intermediation of any other *Nabi*, therefore, let everyone be aware lest the same meaning is applied here also. I have no book other than the Holy Qur'an and have no *Rasul* other than the Holy Prophet^{sa}. And I believe that our Holy Prophet^{sa} is *Khdtam-ul-Anbiyd'* [Seal of the Prophets] and the Holy Qur'an is *Khdtam-ul-Kutub* [final religious Book]. (Letter of the Promised Messiah^{as}, dated August 17, 1899, in *al-Hakm*, vol. 3, p. 29)

Because of the definition of *nubuwwat* prevailing among the Muslims, the Promised Messiah^{as} could not possibly call himself a *Nabi* or a *Rasul*. To avoid misunderstanding, he used these words with regard to himself very sparingly. When he was addressed as *Nabi* in the revelations from God, he interpreted the word to mean *muhaddathiyyat* on the basis of the common belief that there could be no *Nabi* after the Holy Prophet^{sa}. This does not mean that he did not understand the nature of his claim.

Hadrat Khalifatul Masih II (*radi-Allaho 'anhu*) writes:

There was no time when the Promised

Messiah^{as} did not understand the stature of his claim. At all times from beginning to the end he fully understood the position upon which Almighty Allah had established him. However, he used great care in giving it a name whether it should be called *nubuwwat* or *muhaddathiyyat*, (*Haqiqat-ul-Amr*, p. 10)

After mentioning that Almighty Allah has raised him as a *Muhaddath*) the Promised Messiah^{as} continues:

And *Muhaddath* is also a *Nabi* in a sense, because he is honoured with converse with Almighty God, secrets of the unseen are revealed to him, and like the Prophets and Messengers, revelations granted to him are safeguarded from the touch of Satan. True secrets of the *shari'ah* are opened to him, and he is appointed by God in exactly the same manner as *Anbiya'*. Just like the *Anbiya'*, it is his duty to proclaim himself loudly; the one who refuses to respond to him is liable, up to a point, to be punished by God. *Nubuwwat* does not mean anything except that the above matters be found in him. (*Taudihl-e-Maram*, *Ruhdni Khazain*, vol. 3, p. 60)

In other words, he interpreted the word *Nabi* in the sense of *Muhaddath*. However, since the Promised Messiah^{as} was a *Nabi* in the sight of God, and He was repeatedly addressing the Promised Messiah^{as} in the words of *Nabi* and *Rasul*, the Promised Messiah^{as}, could not continue that belief. He writes:

“Afterwards the revelation of Allah which descended upon me like a pouring rain, forced me to change my previous beliefs and He granted me the title of “*Nabi*” in very clear words but in a manner of calling me “*Nabi*” from one aspect

and “*Ummati*” from another aspect.”

Afterwards he announced publicly that he was superior to Jesus Christ (may peace be on him) in every way. In short when the Promised Messiah^{as} clearly recognised that the prevailing definition of *nubuwwat* was not a comprehensive definition, and that it is not necessary for a *Nabi* to bring new *shari'ah*, nor that he should abrogate the previous *shari'ah* or forsake the obedience of the previous *Nabi*, then the Promised Messiah^{as} announced the concept of *nubuwwat* and *risalat* in very clear words.

Nubuwwat Defined by God

The Promised Messiah^{as} says

In His revelations, Almighty Allah has used the term *nubuwwat* and *risalat* with reference to me hundreds of times. But it refers to the converse with God, which is frequent and contains knowledge of the unseen, nothing more. Everyone has a right to adopt an idiom, and this is the definition adopted by God that He has given the title of *nubuwwat* to the frequent converse with Him.

(*Chashma-e-Ma'arif*, *Ruhanl Khazain*, vol. 23, p. 341)

By *nubuwwat* I only mean frequency of converse with God, which is granted as a consequence of following the Holy Prophet^{sa}. You also believe in converse with God; so the disagreement is on the terminology only. What you call converse with God, I call its frequency as *nubuwwat* in accordance with the commandment of God.

(*Haqiqat-ul-Wahi*, *Ruhani Khazain*, vol. 22, p. 503)

According to His own View

- 3) In my view, a *Nabi* is one upon whom the words of God descend in a manner that is unambiguous, definite, in abundance, and contains knowledge of the unseen. That is why God has granted me the title of *Nabi*.

(*Tajalliyat-e-Ilahiyah, Ruhdm Khazain*, vol. 20, 412)

Real Definition

- 4) He who manifests the knowledge of the unseen from God will, by definition, be truly called a *Nabi* in accordance with the following verse:

He does not grant anyone ascendancy over his domain of the unseen [except him whom He chooses as *His* Messenger.] (al-Jinn, 72:27)

(*Eik Ghalati ka Izdlah, Ruhdm Khazain*, vol. 18, p. 208)

Islamic Terminology

In Islamic terminology, a *Nabi* is one who receives converse from God which contains knowledge of the unseen, mighty prophecies, and conveys them to Allah's creatures. (Speech of the Promised Messiah^{as}, *al-Hakm*, May 6, 1908) If one who is bestowed knowledge of the unseen by God Almighty cannot bear the title of *Nabi* then how should he be designated? If you should say that such a one should be called *Muhaddath*, I would counter that no lexicon attributes to *tahdith* [appointment by God of someone as *Muhaddath*] the connotation of disclosure of the unseen, but *nubuwwat* has this connotation. (*Eik Ghalati ka Izdlah, Ruhdni Khazd'in*, vol. 18, p. 207)

Linguistic Term

- 7) I am called a *Nabi* because both in Arabic and in Hebrew *Nabi* means one who receives

revelations from God and makes prophecies in abundance. (Letter to *Akhbar-e-'Am*, May 23, 1908)

Definition of the Prophets

- 8) When this communion and converse reaches the highest stage of perfection from the point of view of both quality and quantity and is free from all impurities and deficiencies, and when it openly and explicitly reveals matters pertaining to the unknown, then such a Revelation is in other terms designated as Prophethood. All the Prophets^{as} are in agreement concerning this. (*al-Wasiyyat, Ruhani Khazain*, vol. 20, p. 311)

IV

MISUNDERSTANDING REMOVED BY THE PROMISED MESSIAH

After this revolutionary correction in the prevailing definition of *nubuwwat* from about 1901 up to his demise, the Promised Messiah^{as} applied the terms *Nabi*, *Rasul*, and *Mursal* to himself openly, repeatedly, and with firm conviction. But the Promised Messiah^{as} was always mindful that the common people may misunderstand this. Therefore, whenever he used the term *Nabi* or *Rasul*, he explained that by *nubuwwat* he did not mean the type which requires a new *shan'ah*, or a permanent independent claim. He always explained that he is an *Ummatti* of the Holy Prophet^{sa} and whatever he has gained, is through the blessings of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. He further pointed out that his *nubuwwat* does not in

any way contravene the status of the Holy Prophet^{sa} as *Khataman-Nabiyyin*; title of *Nabi* for an *Ummati* does

not imply any such problem. He writes:

I am not a *Rasul* or *Nabi* by virtue of a new law, a new claim and a new name; but I am a *Rasul* and a *Nabi* by virtue of perfect reflection. I am the mirror in which the form and the *nubuwwat* of Muhammad^{sa} are perfectly reflected. (*Nuzul-ul-Masih, Ruhdni Khazain*, vol. 18, p. 381)

He also writes:

Wherever I have denied being a *Nabi* or a *Rasul*, it is a denial in the sense that I have not brought any permanent law, nor am I an independent *Nabi*. I am a *Rasul* and a *Nabi* in the sense that I have received spiritual grace from my leader *Rasul*, and by acquiring his name for myself and through his intermediation, I have received knowledge of the unseen from God, but without a new law. I have never disowned this kind of *nubuwwat*. Indeed, God has addressed me as *Nabi* and *Rasul* in this sense; so even now I do not deny being a *Nabi* or *Rasul* in this sense. (*Eik Ghalati kd Izdlah, Ruhdni Khazain*, vol. 18, p. 210-211)

Then he writes:

However, it must be borne in mind and should never be forgotten, that despite being addressed as a *Nabi* and *Rasul*, I have been informed by God that these favours have not descended upon me directly. There is a holy being in heaven whose spiritual grace is with me, that is, Muhammad the Chosen^{sa}. It is through relationship with him, and by merging myself in him, and by receiving his names

Muhammad and Ahmad that I am a *Rasul* as well as *Nabi*. (*Ibid.*, p. 213)

In March 1908, he explained the point in the following words:

I claim to be a *Rasul* and a *Nabi*. The controversy relates to the definition. Whoever is a recipient of converse with God in a manner that exceeds others in quantity and quality, and the converse includes prophecies, would be called a *Nabi*. This definition applies to me; therefore I am a *Nabi*. However, it is not a *nubuwwat* which brings a new law, nor does it abrogate the Book of God. (*Badr*, March 5, 1908)

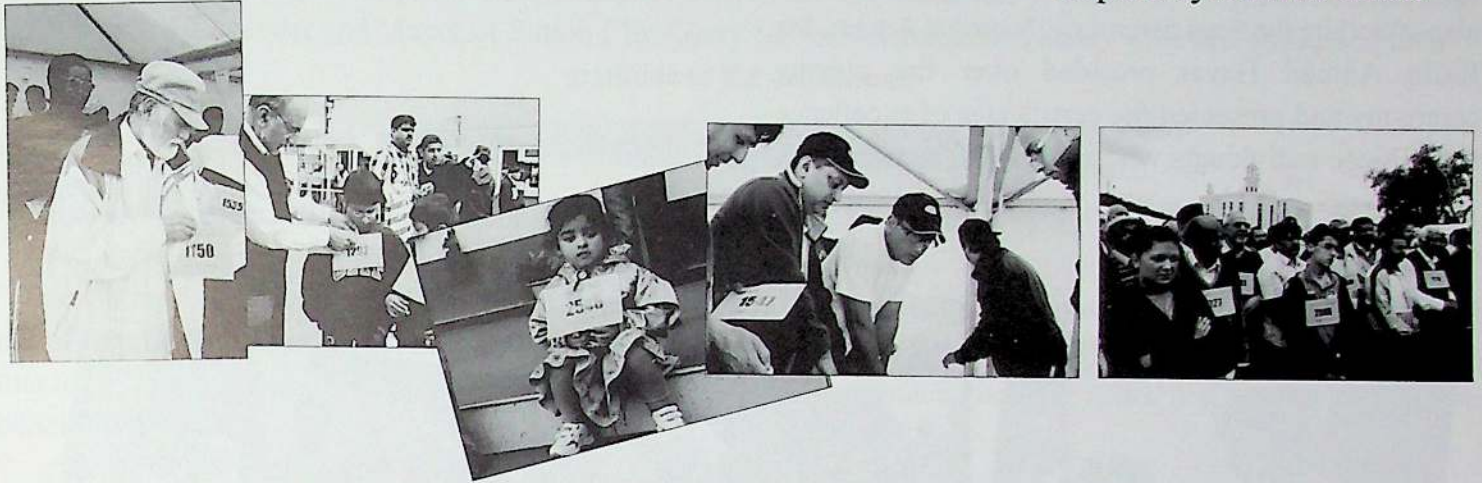
In *Haqiqat-ul-Wahi*, he writes:

Remember that some people are mistaken by my claim to be a *Nabi*. They imagine that I have claimed the type of *nubuwwat* which, was granted to earlier *Anbiya'* on their own. They are wrong in this notion. I have made no such claim. Rather, the will and Divine Wisdom of Almighty Allah decreed to honour me with this status in order to prove the perfection of the spiritual grace of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. The blessings of spiritual grace have led me to the status of *nubuwwat*. Therefore, I cannot be just called a *Nabi*; rather, a *Nabi* from one aspect and an *Ummati* from another aspect. (*Haqiqat-ul-Wahi, Ruhdni Khazain*, vol. 22, p. 154)

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ANSARULLAH CHARITY WALK 2011

Report by: Aman Khan



Over eighteen hundred members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, including children, men and women gathered at the Baitul Futuh Mosque, Morden on Sunday 19th June 2011 for their annual charity walk. The event was organised by the Majlis Ansarullah, UK.

Mansoor Ahmad Kahlon was appointed as Nazim-e-A'la and Aman Khan as secretary to organise the charity walk. Approximately 60 different departments were created to assist the committee in their task, with all vice presidents visiting their respective regions to facilitate the success of the charity walk. To build up the level of awareness about the event, 273 invitations were sent to various dignitaries, including members of parliament, members of London assembly, Mayors & councillors of the Merton and Sutton borough.

The session at the start of the walk was presided by the National Ameer, Mr Rafiq Ahmed Hayat. Mr Edward Davey, Minister for state, Leader of the council, Mr

Stephen Alambritis, Worshipful Mayor of Merton, Cllr. Gilli Lewis-Lavender and Ms Jane Ellison MP for Battersea, Balham and Wandsworth were also in attendance.

The 7 miles long walk began at 11 am, with both young and old members joining in the fun. Special arrangements were made for the Lajna walkers in the Merton College fields. Children were also given the opportunity to enjoy the fun day in Tahir Hall, Baitul Futuh. With the help of Lajna, we were able to raise £2,000 for Humanity First through the fun day event, with participants having the privilege of being joined by the local Mayor, Madam Gilli Lewis-Lavender who also completed the walk. The eldest walker, Mr Aftab Ahmad Roy of Wandsworth Majlis participated at the age of 88 and Mr Muhammad Ahmad from Purley Majlis managed the admirable feat of completing the walk at the age of 81. This walk was truly a fun event as the participants walked their way along the route, with refreshment points having been placed at every mile serving them with fruit and drinks. All walkers were

greeted and cheered on by the volunteers representing 10 different charities. The walk officially ended at 1.30 p.m., after which a sit down meal was provided to all guests and walkers followed by the Zuhr & Asr prayers offered in congregation.

All the participants and guests then convened in the Baitul Futuh complex for the cheque presentation ceremony, with the Worshipful Mayor of Merton, Mayor of Sutton and Local MP, Siobhain McDonagh also attending the final ceremony. National Ameer, Mr Rafiq Ahmad Hayat presided over the closing ceremony and presented the certificates of excellence to all those individuals who successfully raised over

£1000 for this worthy cause. All the representatives were presented with cheques of donation and were requested to address the audience.

Both Mayors and Siobhain McDonagh, MP briefly addressed the audience and expressed their gratitude to the organisers. In his closing remarks, the National Ameer, Mr Rafiq Ahmed Hayat praised the efforts made by Majlis Ansarullah to raise and donate money for a noble cause.



Comments by Guest & Media coverage

By the Grace of Allah, our annual charity walk is playing an important role in introducing the humanitarian efforts made by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at in reflecting the true teaching of Islam and in promoting peace and harmony among the different communities. A number of parliamentarians including Mr Edward Davey, MP for Kingston & Surbiton and Minister for Employment Relations, Consumer and Postal Affairs, Ms Siobhain McDonagh, MP for Mitcham and Morden, Ms Jane Ellison MP for Battersea, Worshipful Mayor of Merton Cllr. Gilli Lewis-Lavender and Mayor of Sutton Cllr. Gerry Jerome attended the charity walk and expressed their gratitude to the organisers.

Siobhain McDonagh MP for Merton & Mitcham

Siobhain McDonagh, MP for Merton, congratulated Majlis Asarullah and said.

".... It is a mark of your faith and of your community that you choose to help and sponsor numerous charities that are not of your faith, that are not exclusively organised by yourselves. For all the friends of your community, it is a thing that really stands out in what you do. I'm really excited to hear how much you have raised and just who is going to benefit."

Worshipful Mayor of Merton Cllr. Gilli Lewis-Lavender

Her worshipful Mayor of Merton expressed her views in the following words:

"We do not just want to sit back and do nothing and feel very comfortable in our own zone. We need to think outwardly and think of other people and that is what you have done today. You have made a real difference to many people. So thank you for what you have done and enjoy the rest of your day. Thank you".

Worshipful Mayor of Sutton Cllr. Gerry Jerome

"...I know how hard the Ahmadiyya Community works to make the lives of those who are underprivileged to make it much more bearable for them. I am very grateful that you have chosen to support so many charities and my own as well".

The Lord Tariq Ahmad (BT) of Wimbledon

In support of walk, The Lord Tariq Ahmad (BT) of Wimbledon sent his message. He wrote:

"It is with great pleasure that I extend my warm Assalamo Alaikum and best wishes to all participants of the Annual AMA Charity Walk.....To the walkers I say that you make an incredible effort in raising funds which benefits thousands of people. These selfless acts of charity epitomise the very best attributes of humanity and may God bless your sacrifices. May this year's walk exceed all expectations and I pray that this event continues to grow in its stature and gains even wider recognition as event that not only serves many charitable causes, but also brings together all communities and exemplifies how unity of purpose and determination of action can benefit society at large".

British Heart Foundation

"...I just wanted to put something in writing to express my sincere thanks on behalf of the British Heart Foundation for the overwhelming sum of money raised on Sunday. I was thrilled, surprised and overwhelmed with the generosity of the many people who took part. Please pass these thanks on to everyone who helped organise the event and who gave so generously. Our little team was made very welcome and we thoroughly enjoyed meeting a wide range of people. The hospitality that was offered to us could not have been better, and I feel very humble when I think of the hours of organisation and commitment this has taken."

Heather Hunt

Volunteer Fundraising Manager

We are McMillan Cancer Group

I just wanted to say what an incredible time I had yesterday. I really meant what I said, about being astounded how well organised it was, and how many people are willing to travel. The sense of community was incredible and I was humbled by everyone's friendliness and generosity."

Alida Jinnah

Fundraising Manager

Royal London Society for Blind People

"...On behalf of everyone at the Royal London Society for Blind People I would like to thank you for selecting us to be a beneficiary of the Muslim Peace Walk, which took place on Sunday. A huge thank you for the cheque for £2000, which is very gratefully received. This will make a real difference to the blind and partially sighted people we work to support in London and the South East."

Laura Hamer

Events Coordinator London

Age Concern Merton

"...Just a quick note to say thank you so much for all your hard work and excellent organisation for Sunday's walk: I thoroughly enjoyed being involved and we are extremely grateful that you were able to include us as a beneficiary. Our Chairman of Trustees will be writing to you formally, but I wanted to extend my personal thanks for the kindness and support shown."

All our services are offered to all Merton residents over 50 we do hope that you will make sure that all your members know that they are welcome to use them".

SueTickner

Festival and Activities Coordinator

The Fircroft Trust

"... there were so many people and all so hospitable! What a lovely event and what a beautiful building the mosque is. I would just like to thank you so much for the very generous donation of £2,000 towards the work of the Fircroft Trust".

Jill Fletcher Meloun

PR & Fundraising Manager

Paul Strank Roofing Ltd

"...thank you very much for your kind help and support with our charity collection for Shooting star CHASE and One Life earlier this month, the money and awareness you raised with the walk for them will go a long way towards helping both charities. We had lots of fun on the walk and will hopefully be in attendance again next year".

Irene Strank

Paul Strank Roofing

Salman and said, "If faith were to go up to the pleiades, a man from these would surely find it" (Bukhari).

This hadith shows that the verse applies to a man of Persian descent. Now the Promised Messiah, the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement, was of Persian descent. Other sayings of the Holy Prophet (pbh) speak of the appearance of the Messiah at a time when there would remain nothing of the Holy Qur'an but its words and of Islam but its name i.e., the true spirit of Islamic teaching will be lost. (Baihaqui). Thus the Holy Quran and the Hadith both seem to agree that the present verse refers to the Second Advent of the Holy Prophet in the person of the Promised Messiah.

The verse refers to the good fortune of the people among whom the Holy Prophet (pbh) will be raised for the second time in the person of one of his followers- the Promised Messiah.

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The Muslim world, at present, is passing through great turmoil. Political and religious leaders are equally devoid of God-gifted wisdom and so are the masses. May Allah the Most High grant them wisdom and discernment to recognise the one sent from Him that they come under the fold of His mercy and be saved from a dreadful plight. Today, the peace and security of the Muslim world is linked only to Khilafat Ahmadiyya.

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'Bionic' Mian's charity mission

FOR many of us the thought of attempting to walk 13 miles is a daunting one. But even a recent bout of pneumonia isn't going to stop one Luton septuagenarian from taking part in a fund raising walk on Sunday.

Charity champion Mian Manwar Ali, of Hazwood Close, (pictured right) will take part in the annual Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Peace Walk in Birmingham on Sunday.

And the sprightly former Vauxhall worker will march out in the will march out in the hope of raising £1,000 for a variety of charities including Great Ormond Street Children's Hos-

Foundation, MacMillan Cancer Support and the Samaritans, despite a variety of ailments and operations under his belt.

The remarkable father of four competes despite having had surgery on his knees, eyes, ear drum, piles and a hernia.

He also suffers from asthma, diabetes, blood pressure and prostate problems.

He told the Luton News: "I have been raising money for charities for more than 40 years. It's a really good thing to do. We have to do something to spread the peace and love."

To sponsor Mian contact the newsdesk on



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Muslim march raises £250k

by OMAR OAKES

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Leicester Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Join National Charity Walk

Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders from Leicester said age is no barrier for charity walk.

Charity walk: SUNDAY 19 JUNE, 10.30AM START, BATUL FUTUH MOSQUE, MORDEN, Surrey

Age will prove no barrier when elders of a Leicester Muslim community take part in a national charity walk raising funds for the British Heart Foundation, Great Ormond Street Hospital and a host of other charities.

Thousands of members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, including members from Leicester, will converge on Britain's biggest mosque in Morden, Surrey, on 19 June to start the 2011 Ansar Charity Walk. The charity walk raising funds for the British Heart Foundation, Great Ormond Street Hospital and a host of other charities.

Ansar are the members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community who are over 40 years old and, in previous years, walkers will into their 70s have taken part.

The annual walks - one of two taking place annually - is part of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community's on-going effort to give something back to the country in which they reside. Ahmadiyya Muslims believe God rewards good works and therefore acts of charity are of utmost importance.

This year, the Ansars have set themselves a target of GBP240,000 - in the past three years alone, the elders have amassed GBP450,000 for UK-based charities. This has been matched by over GBP400,000 raised by the youth of the community in their charity walks over the past three years.

Waseem Ahmad, President Ahmadiyya Muslim Ansar UK, said: "Charity is an act of faith and an integral part of Islam. We believe that, through our charity walks, we can support our country and contribute to its well-being."

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The annual walks - one of two taking place annually - is part of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community's on-going effort to give something back to the country in which they reside. Ahmadiyya Muslims believe God rewards good works and therefore acts of charity are of utmost importance.

This year, the Ansars have set themselves a target of £240,000 - in the past three years alone, the elders have amassed £450,000 for UK-based charities. This has been matched by over £400,000 raised by the youth of the community in their charity walks over the past three years.

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By Omar Oakes

Age proved no barrier last weekend when elders of a religious community stretched their legs to raise a quarter of a million pounds for charity. Thousands of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community members converged on Britain's biggest mosque, in London Road, Morden, for the Ansar Charity Walk 2011 on Sunday, June 19.

The Ansar, who hope to raise £240,000 for British Heart Foundation and Great Ormond Street Hospital, are the religious community's older members with their ages ranging from 40 to 70. (...)

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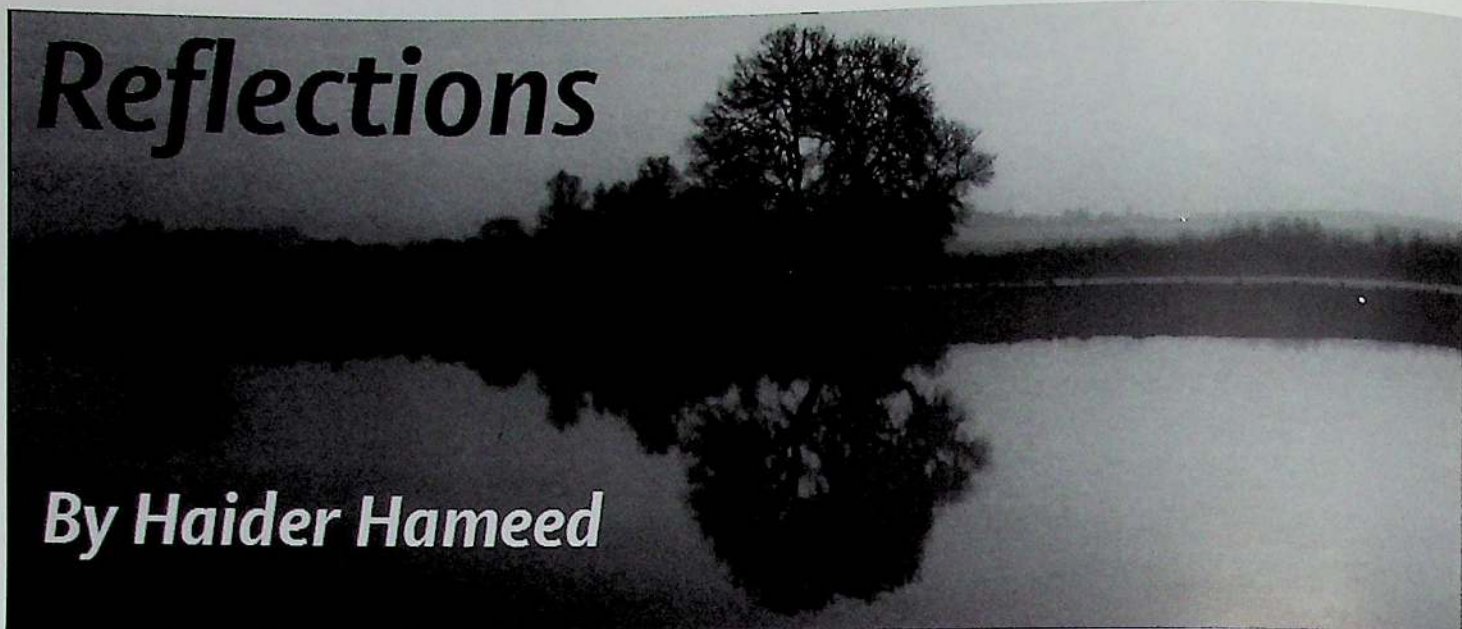
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By Haider Hameed

Whilst collecting money for the British Heart Foundation, one memorable story that springs to the forefront of my mind was when a mother and her very eager small daughter came forward to place some change in one of our collection buckets. The daughter impatiently gazed up at her mother whilst the mother trundled through her purse looking for coins to give to her daughter. The child's excitement was not an uncommon reaction however her anxiousness became more visible as the mother still continued to labour through the nooks and crannies of her belongings. Burdened now with this task, a large hair brush and a bottle of water were now some of the items that were embarrassingly being lodged under her arms and between fingers as she continued to wrestle with her purse.

Finally but unfortunately for her daughter, it seemed as though the mother had only a few foreign coins so was unable to hand her child any suitable money to put into the buckets.

"I'm sorry love, but you can't give them any money

as I don't have any change left!" exclaimed the mother apologetically to her daughter.

This certainly came as an unexpected blow to the child as immediately the expression on her face changed to one of severe disappointment.

"We'll give them some money next time" stated the mother caringly.

But, it seemed that the tears had already begun to fill her little eyes as the little girl stood bewildered and absorbed in the moment. It was heartbreaking to watch her gloominess. The mother began to profusely apologise to us as it had seemed as though we had been unnecessarily kept waiting for a donation which did not materialise. We immediately returned her apology with a big smile and warm words of comfort, adding that there will be future opportunities to donate.

For one trusted volunteer, however it seemed that this child's dilemma was to continue no further. He

dug into his own pockets and pulled out a some coins, then handed them over to the child (with a nod of approval from her mother). The child's eyes immediately lit up and a big smile began to develop as she was now able to place some change into the donation bucket. The mother meanwhile stood gasping with amazement and extremely thankful for saving the day and the unbelievable generosity which had taken place in front of her eyes. Whilst the mother and daughter continued on with their journey, she continued to send us an awkwardly large array of appreciation, to which we continued to uncomfortably acknowledge.

Reflecting back, I would imagine it was very rare to witness a volunteer handing his own money to a donator. But upon reflection, I imagine donating on behalf of an absent person is a typical tradition we hold, and this behaviour seemed like an extension of that practice but extended and demonstrated with an instinctive spirit for the love of the whole of mankind.

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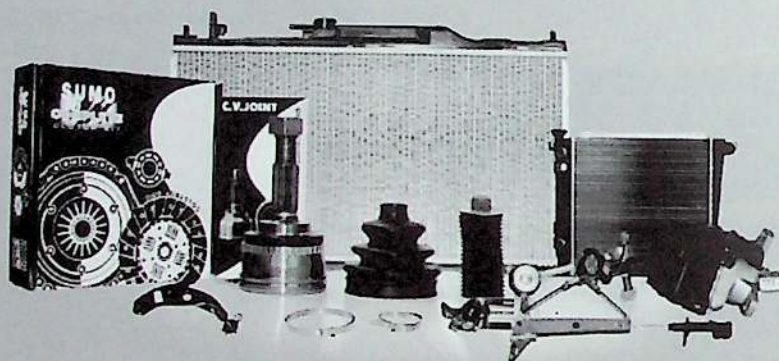
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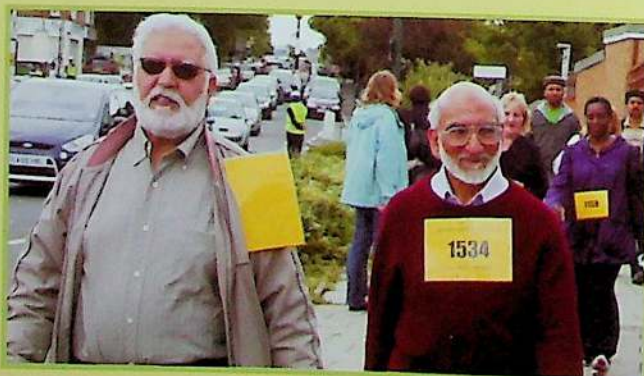
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